

In conclusion, despite *elpenor* being a common and wide-spread insect, readily found as larva or imago, there is still much to be discovered of its natural history, especially regarding its time of appearance, its partial second brood, local larval foodplant preferences and its parasites, while any continued spread northwards will doubtless be reported.

References

- Barrett, C., 1892-1900. *The Lepidoptera of the British Islands*.
Buckler, W., 1891-1899. *The Larvae of the British Butterflies and Moths*.
Chalmers-Hunt, M., 1968. *The Butterflies and Moths of Kent*. 2.
Duddington, J. and Johnson, R., 1983. *The Butterflies and Larger Moths of Lincolnshire*.
Evans, L. and K., 1973. *A Survey of the Macro-Lepidoptera of Croydon and N. E. Surrey*.
Goater, B., 1974. *The Butterflies and Moths of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight*.
Hanbury, F. and Marshall, E., 1899. *Flora of Kent*.
Heath, J. ed., 1979. *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*. Vol. 9.
Lhomme, L., 1923-1935. *Catalogue des Lépidoptères de France et de Belgique*.
Newman, E., 1869. *The Natural History of British Moths*.
Newman, L. W. and Leeds, H., 1913. *Text Book of British Butterflies and Moths*.
Perring, F., 1974. *The Flora of a Changing Britain*.
Salisbury, E., 1961. *Weeds and Aliens*.
South, R., 1939. *The Moths of the British Isles*. Series 1
Tutt, J., 1902. *Practical Hints for the Field Lepidopterist*.

FURTHER RECORDS OF APOROPHYLA NIGRA HAW.: BLACK RUSTIC. — For some time, this moth has been extending its range into Kent, and elsewhere (Heath and Emmet, *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*, Vol. 10). In 1984, I saw the species for the first time at East Malling when a single moth came to m.v. on 16th and 25th September, followed by further solitary specimens on 15th and 17th October. About five miles south of here, at West Farleigh, I found another *nigra* at rest on a pole in a hop garden on 1st October.

Heath & Emmet (*op. cit.*) also give *nigra* as being rather rare in the Midlands, so I was pleased to record more specimens, again for the first time, at Beoley, Worcestershire, where four moths came to m.v. in my parent's garden on 9th October 1984. — D. A. CHAMBERS, 15 Briar Close, Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent.